



# NEWS RELEASE

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **SLOPE ABATEMENT TO BEGIN ON STATE ROUTE 138 IN CRESTLINE**

**San Bernardino** - The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) advises motorists that slope abatement will begin on SR138 from the Crestline cut off at the SR18 interchange on **Wednesday, April 13, 2005**. In the interest of public safety, SR138 to Crestline will be closed for approximately one week. During the week of April 11, SR138 from SR18 will be open Monday and Tuesday, April 11 & 12 from 4 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The contractor will begin staging heavy equipment in the area on Monday, April 11, 2005. A network of horizontal and vertical cable blocks will be assembled to accommodate the scraper for the mechanical excavation. The scraper will be used to pull down the slope bringing soil and rock material with it.

Scraping commences at 7 a.m., Wednesday, April 13, 2005. The removal will begin by dragging the material from underneath the fissure. It is anticipated that an estimated 2000 cubic yards of soil must come down during this controlled operation. Hydraulic saturation of the slope may be utilized after two days to expedite this process. The entire procedure is estimated to take a week allowing for scraping, debris removal and clean up.

#### **Motorists are advised to use the following alternate routes into Crestline:**

SR 330 to SR18 and return west through Running Springs  
SR138 from I-15 / Silverwood Lake Exit to Crestline

DBX Construction has been awarded an emergency contract at an estimated \$100,000 to conduct work on the slope. Given the scope of operations, casual observers will not be permitted within the boundaries of the closure. Caltrans would like to thank the community for their support and patience. Please remember to drive defensively and always.....

**SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE!**

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